## Remarks

Claims have been added by this amendment in order to clarify the subject matter for which protection is sought. Further, claim 1 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. None of the added or amended claims introduces new subject matter, nor have the claims been narrowed.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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## Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

1. A single use processing substrate, comprising;

a first cut-resistant layer having a first surface area and including <u>a</u> tissue ply and a thermoplastic material ply; and

a second layer having a second surface area and including a tissue ply and a thermoplastic material ply, wherein the first layer is secured to the second layer such that a portion of the second surface area is laterally disposed outside of the first surface area.